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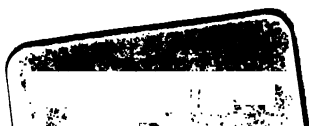




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PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

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ADAPTED TO THE DAYS OF THE WEEK

"THOU ART MY GOD; HEAR THE VOICE OF MY PRAYERS
O LORD."—*Psalm cxi. 6.*



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TO ALL THOSE
WHO WAIT FOR THE COMING OF
THEIR LORD
AND, JOINING IN THE WORSHIP OF THE FAITHFUL
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,
LOVE TO MAGNIFY HIM
DAY BY DAY,
THESE AIDS ARE HUMBLY OFFERED BY
ONE APPOINTED TO MINISTER.

and peacefully to meditate, with no set guide. At the best the time is short; and it may be, that while the soul is seeking for its food, and ere it be well chosen, the minutes have flitted by, and the worshipper is called upon to join in the common service. The object then, of this little work is to provide some fixed subject, so that the mind may have wherein to occupy itself, and so be saved the distractions and wanderings of thought which are fain to arise, if it be left to seek out matter for itself. It is not meant to prescribe to any the length of prayer or meditation that should be used; some have longer, some shorter time; the one may omit, the other may expand; the only object is to afford food, and a set subject, that no minutes may be lost out of that life which fleeteth by so swiftly, but that some, at least, may "redeem the time."

To those into whose hands this manual is likely to come, it is needless to speak of the importance of an early attendance in God's house, and of reverent behaviour therein; yet it may be allowed to quote the words of one of whom all may well be willing to learn; "Come we calmly to this holy place, not thinking or speaking up to its very threshold of things of earth, but as men bent on a great service, where much is at stake, coming to a Holy Presence from Whom depends our all; pray we

as we enter it, that God would guard our thoughts and compose our minds, and fix them upon Him; employ we any leisure before the service begins, in thought or private prayer; guard we our eyes from straying to those around us; listen we reverently to His holy word; use the pause before each prayer to ask God to enable us to pray this prayer also; and so pray each separate prayer, as far as we can, relying on His gracious aid; beware we how we let the mind relax, as though some prayers—those which God has especially commanded, for kings and those in authority—were of less importance to us, (for this has often been the first inlet and occasion of distraction,) and yet God has especially enjoined these prayers, and He has annexed a blessing to them, ‘that we may lead a peaceable and godly life,’ and any ills which people so readily complain of in governments, may be the punishment of their own coldness in these prayers, and it is an act of dutiful charity, since kings are for our sakes exposed to especial dangers and trial which we are freed from—but strive we to pray as we should serve God, with all our heart and all our mind; and He will graciously help our infirmities, and accept our longings, and hear, we may even hope, what we longed to pray for, but failed. And if we have wandered, let us, as soon as we perceive it, collect

ourselves with all our might, and when the 'Amen' comes, let us seek to gather into one the petition of the prayer, and crave, by a hearty assent, to be allowed to join in that which by our frailty we have missed. Prayer for pardon should close all our prayers, and if, when returned home, we could find some intervals for praying anew the prayers, which in public we missed, God would doubtless join us on with His faithful worshippers, look favourably on our earnestness, and strengthen us for the future; . . . distraction will come through weakness, ill health, fatigue; only pray, guard, strive against it; humble yourselves under it, and for the past negligences, of which it is mostly the sad fruit; rely less upon yourself, cast yourself more upon God, hang more wholly upon Him, and long the more for that blessed time when the redeemed of the Lord shall serve Him day and night without distraction^a."

Of the work itself the compiler would only say that it puts forward no claim to originality; it has only been arranged and adapted, and little more has been newly written than was necessary to harmonize the whole. Little is original: and yet much is new, —new in form and arrangement, but old in matter and words, for the Church has a plenteous store, and is ready at all times to "bring forth from her trea-

^a Plain Sermons, vol. iii. Sermon. lxxxvi., "Distractions in Prayer," p. 220.

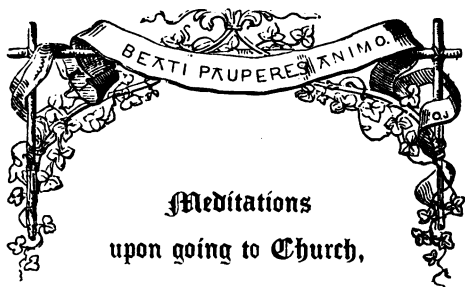
sures things new and old." To acknowledge his obligations to each particular writer would be needless, and is indeed scarcely possible, but to those with whom his work is likely to find favour it will suffice to say that St. Augustine, Bishops Andrewes and Jeremy Taylor, Thomas à Kempis, and Sherlock, have each contributed somewhat. If the flowers that have been gathered from each have any sweetness, so that being bound together into one they may add to the pleasant savour of the incense which the soul shall offer in the sanctuary, he has been rewarded; and he will but ask that they who shall have been in any wise helped by this his offering would join him in their prayers, that living, he may ever worship in the communion of the faithful with a holy worship, or having joined those who are departed in the Lord, may sing praise before the throne of God for ever and ever.

F. B.

Advent, 1849.







WITH SOME SHORT DIRECTIONS FOR Demeanour IN THE
HOUSE, AND IN THE SERVICE OF GOD.

(From Sherlock's Practical Christian.)

UPON your going to church, three things will be necessary for you to consider.

1. The condition of the place whither you are going.
2. The great end of your going thither ; and,
3. How there you are to demean yourself.

All this you would consider if you were going to the palace of an earthly prince, who is but a mortal man like yourself ; and you surely have much more reason to consider these particulars, now that you are going unto the courts of the Lord's house.

First then, as to the house whither you are going. It is indeed, as to its fabric, but like other houses, made of wood and stone, (even as the Lord's day is but like other days as to the air and light of

heaven :) but the relative holiness of this house, and its eminency above other houses, will appear by the names whereby it is called both in the book and by the people of God.

Under the Law it was called, "the tabernacle of the congregation," *i. e.* the place of God's meeting with His people ; "the temple of the Lord," where He presents Himself to the contemplation, or view of His worshippers, sitting betwixt the cherubim as on His throne of state. It is also called "the sanctuary of the Lord ;" "the house of God ;" "the habitation of His holiness ;" and "the place where His honour dwelleth." All which names do explain each other, and need no interpretation.

Under the Gospel it is called *Ἐκκλησία τοῦ Θεοῦ*, "the church of God ;" *Κυριακή*, "the Lord's house ;" *Βασιλική*, "the King's palace ;" and *oratorium*, "the house of prayer." Any of which names (much more all of them together considered) will oblige any man who hath any sense of religion, to obey that command of God Himself, which is not merely ceremonial and typical, but moral and perpetual : "ye shall keep My sabbaths, and reverence My sanctuary : I am the Lord^a."

Secondly, as to the great end of your going to church, it is, to present yourself before the Lord,

^a Lev. xix. 30.

and there to adore the great Majesty of heaven, from whom you have your life, and breath, and all things.

It is not *to serve yourself, by hearing this or the other fine-gifted minister tickling your itching ears*, by his taking discourses agreeable to your fancy; but "*To serve the Lord*" is your errand to His house; viz., there to join with the minister and the congregation in public prayers and praises of God, in "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs^b;" in confessions, thanksgivings, and benedictions, as wherein chiefly the service of God consists.

"Behold, now praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord; ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord^c."

As for me, "I will worship towards Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name^d."

Thirdly, as to your carriage and demeanour in the house of God, you are commanded, "keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God^e;" enjoining thee,

1. To beware of all light, unseemly, indecent, and irreverent carriage, and to shew humility and devotion in all the gestures of Thy outward man,

^b Eph. v. 19.

^d Psalm cxxxviii. 2.

^c Psalm cxxxiv. 1—3.

^e Eccles. v. 1.

"bowing down thyself, and kneeling before the Lord thy maker^f;" before Him who made both thy body and soul, and joined them together that they might be joined in His service. So worshipped the people of God; the whole congregation "bowed themselves with their faces to the ground^g." And so all good people resolve to do: "we will go into His tabernacle, and fall low on our knees before His footstool^h."

2. The foot of the inward man must also, and chiefly, be kept upright in the house of God. Thy affections are the feet or motions of thy soul; these must be kept free from all secular cares, pure from all sensual lusts, clean from all wanton, wicked inclinations, yea from all thoughts of any worldly concerns. For "ye cannot serve God and mammonⁱ."

In the high-priest's forehead was engraven in a plate of gold, "Holiness to the Lord^k;" and every ordinary priest was commanded to wash before he entered into the sanctuary^l; intimating that exact purity and holiness which is required of all, both priests and people, when we approach the presence of the Lord, in His holy temple. So saith the holy man of God, "Holiness becometh Thy house, O

^f Psalm xcv. 6.

^g Psalm cxxxii. 7.

^h Exodus xxviii. 36.

^g 2 Chron. vii. 3.

ⁱ Matt. vi. 24.

^l Exodus xxx. 19, 20.

Lord, for ever^m;" and he resolves accordingly; "I will wash my hands in innocency, and so will I go to Thine Altarⁿ."

Be not slothful and negligent, averse and careless, backward and tardy in coming to the church; for many and mischievous are the consequents of coming late. For, 1. You rob yourself of the opportunity of your private prayers for a blessing upon the public. 2. You lose the benefit of public confession and absolution, which are of high esteem and value to all who are wisely religious. And, 3. To deprive yourself wittingly and willingly of any part of God's public worship, is both a sin and a loss of so great an account, as cannot easily be expressed, nor will be ordinarily believed.

Against such sinful sloth and neglect, endeavour to have imprinted in your heart the love of God's house, and of His service there performed. Say, with the man after God's own heart, "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth^o."

"I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the LORD."

"Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem^p."

^m Psalm xciii. 6.

ⁿ Psalm xxvi. 6.

^o Psalm xxvi. 8.

^p Psalm cxxii. 1, 2.

DIRECTIONS RELATING TO SOME PARTS OF
THE PUBLIC WORSHIP.

As soon as the minister begins with the public worship, all your private meditations and prayers must be set aside, and your mind applied to attend diligently, and to join devoutly in every part and passage of divine service ; considering that this is the great end of your coming to church, and your business there is to serve the Lord with your christian brethren in public.

1. Therefore when the minister exhorts you out of the word of God, to confess and acknowledge your sins and wickedness, harden not your hearts, but with all possible humility both of body and soul, say after the minister in the confession of sin ; and to this, and to every prayer, or other act of divine worship, where it is prescribed, neglect not to say, *Amen* : for that is as it were the seal to confirm to your soul the benefits thereof. And the Hebrews have a saying, that, “ whosoever says *Amen* with all his might, opens the doors of Paradise.”

2. After the confession, when the minister comes to the words of absolution, bow down your head, and say softly in your heart, “ Lord, let this pardon pronounced by Thy minister, fall upon my soul, and seal thereunto the forgiveness of all my sins.”

3. The psalms and hymns are to be answered verse for verse with the minister [or choir, alternately from side to side], that so all may join and bear a part in the service of God; for "in His temple doth every man speak of His honour^q." And here, although you cannot read, yet your heart may join with them that do read; and your mouth also may shew forth the praise of God, by saying, after every psalm, "Glory be to the Father, and to," &c.: or else if it fall in course, "As it was in the beginning, is now," &c., adding always *Amen*, to express how affectionately you desire the glory of God.

4. Be not silent nor ashamed publicly and audibly to make confession of the holy christian faith, when you are thereunto called by the minister. For this is a duty you owe both to God and man: it is an act of God's worship, and a declaration that you hold the same faith with all true christians. And therefore it is required of you, not only "with the heart to believe unto righteousness," but that "with the mouth" also "confession be made unto salvation^r."

And when the confession of faith is publicly pronounced, do not you sit or loll, as if it concerned you not, but stand up with the rest of the congregation, to signify and declare that you will stand to

^q Psalm xxix. 9.

^r Rom. x. 10.

this faith, and “earnestly contend for it,” as being the same which was once given to,” or by “the saints,” the holy Apostles.

5. Be not so cold and careless in giving honour to God, as not to “bow at the name of JESUS :” for it is a *duty positively commanded and universally practised by the Church and people of God in all ages*^a.

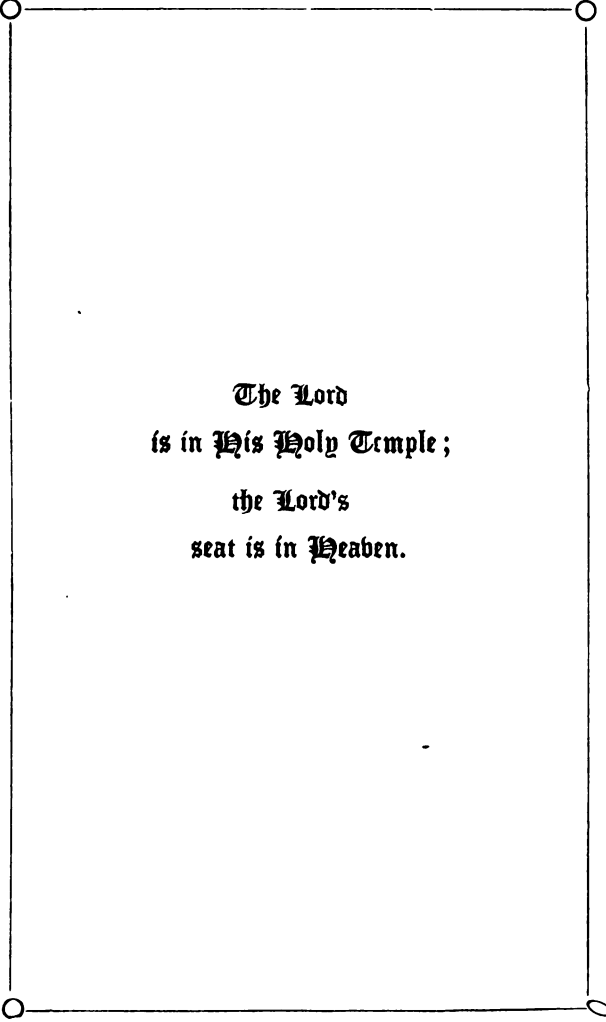
6. That you may not be tired with the length of the divine service ; consider, 1. The great variety of its several parts, as consisting of prayers, and praises, confessions, thanksgivings, invitations, lessons, admonitions, &c. ; all of which are with most admirable prudence and religious wisdom, so ordered and contrived to follow each other, that so the ending of one and beginning of another, may renew and requicken your devotion cheerfully to join in all.

Remember, 2. Whose service it is you are doing, and continue therein from the beginning to the end : that you may reap the benefit of the whole office, both of the absolution in the beginning, and of the blessing in the end, and of the *Amens* throughout.”

(SHERLOCK.)

^a Canon xviii. “A reverence and attention to be used within the church in time of Divine Service.”





The Lord
is in His Holy Temple ;
the Lord's
seat is in Heaven.

" WHEN ONCE THY FOOT ENTERS THE CHURCH, BE BARE,
GOD IS MORE THERE THAN THOU ; FOR THOU ART THERE
ONLY BY HIS PERMISSION. THEN BEWARE,
AND MAKE THYSELF ALL REVERENCE AND FEAR,
KNEELING NE'ER SPOILED SILK STOCKING ; QUIT THY STATE,
ALL EQUAL ARE WITHIN THE CHURCH'S GATE."

The Church Porch.



Daily Subjects of Meditation.

Sunday—Creation of light.—CHRIST the true Light.—The RESURRECTION of our Blessed Lord.—“The SPIRIT of GOD moved upon the face of the waters.”—DESCENT of the HOLY SPIRIT.—The water of Baptism, and our new birth.

Monday—The HUMILIATION of our Blessed Lord, Who shall appear again with great glory in the clouds of heaven, created by Him as on this day.

Tuesday—The gathering together of the waters, and creation of the grass and trees yielding fruit after their kinds.—MANIFESTATION of CHRIST to the Gentiles, to whom the rain from heaven, and the fruitful seasons had been hitherto a witness of God, filling their hearts with joy and gladness.—The gathering of many nations to one faith.—By our fruits we shall be

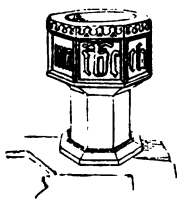
known; therefore let us bring forth fruits meet for repentance, waiting for the SECOND COMING of OUR LORD to JUDGMENT.

Wednesday—The TEMPTATION.—Judas covenants to BETRAY CHRIST.

Thursday—The ASCENSION, and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

Friday—Give glory to the ever-blessed TRINITY.
—“God said, Let us make man in our Image.”
—The SACRIFICE for our redemption.

Saturday—Our blessed SAVIOUR RESTETH in the grave for us.—“We are buried with Him by Baptism, wherein also we are risen with Him through faith of the operation of God.”—“There remaineth a rest for the people of God.”





MATINS.

*As you enter the church especially call to mind God's
powerful presence, and lifting up your heart to Him, say
within yourself ;*

THIS is none other but the House of God, and
this is the gate of heaven.

Lord, make me love the habitation of Thy House,
and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

Turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity, and
quicken me in Thy way.

Then coming into your place, and kneeling, say

O God, make clean my heart within me.

Be Thou in the midst of us, O Lord our God and
King, and assist us by Thy Holy Spirit in the ser-

vices of this Thy day. Fix our wandering thoughts, quicken our cold desires, and stir us up to fervent longings and thirstings after Thee. Incline us to hear Thy word with reverence and attention, and to receive it with meekness and gladness of heart. Clothe Thy priests with righteousness, and bless Thy people, so that we all, having been baptized into the faith of Christ, may with those Thy saints who rest in Thee, have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Him Who rose again for us, and opened the gates of death, the same our Lord JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

O GOD, the rich Giver of all good banquets, give food to the weary, gather in the dispersed, set free the prisoner, and make whole the wounded. I beseech Thee, by Thy mercy, wherewith Thou didst visit us when Thou hadst risen from the dead, that to such as knock in distress it may be opened, that they may have entrance to Thee, and find rest in Thee, and be refreshed by Thy Bread which is from heaven. For Thou art the true Bread, and the Fountain of Life; Thou art the Light of Eternal Charity; Thou art all things, whereon the upright live, who love Thee, O Everlasting God, Holy Saviour, most mighty King. *Amen.*

O Holy JESUS, Light Eternal and Unfailing !

Bread of Life which refreshest us, and in Thyself failest not, shed Thy light upon *us* who are about this day to partake of Thy holy mysteries. Let *our* souls be strengthened; let *us* feel that Thou art at hand by the sweetness of Thy Presence, that *we* may rejoice before Thee with exceeding joy. Illuminate and sanctify *us*; free *us* from all malice; fill *us* with all grace; and keep *us* full thereof, that to the salvation of *our* souls, *we* may eat the food of Thy flesh, and as often as *we* feed on Thee, may live on Thee, live through Thee, come to Thee, and rest in Thee. *Amen.*

Then rising from your knees be ready for the service, having your thoughts collected, and set upon the worship in which you are about to engage, and meanwhile use some such meditation as follows, as you have time.

Meditations.

WORSHIP the LORD, O my soul, in the beauty of holiness; serve Him with fear, and rejoice with trembling; neither be afraid of man, whose breath is in his nostrils.

The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people;

and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

God is with us now, even in the midst of us ; take heed, my heart, for His eye is upon thee, beholding thy most secret thoughts ; and nothing can be hid before Him, Who is the searcher of hearts.

The grace of devotion is to be waited for with good hope and humble patience. Nevertheless, let me impute it to myself, and my own sins, when this grace is not given me, or when it is secretly taken away. Thou art exceedingly sinful, O my soul, and unworthy to appear before the presence of God ;—abase thyself ; be humble, and cast down, and let not the conceit of any fancied goodness make thee forget that thou art full of sin, and utterly corrupt, without any help in thyself. Thou art feeble, O my soul, and very faint, and yet through Christ shalt thou have exceeding strength. Thou must die, O my body, and be turned to dust, and yet shalt thou have life again through thy risen Lord. This world passeth away swiftly, and the things thereof, but the life that is to come endureth for ever, when our Lord shall restore His servants to a new and better life ; and in our flesh we shall see the Majesty of our triumphant Redeemer, and be filled with the joy of His countenance, and dwell in His presence, even for evermore.

When service is ended. kneel and say.

Thanks be to Thee, O GOD, for Thy goodness, in that Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to a knowledge of Thy grace, and faith in Thee. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Pardon all Thou hast seen amiss in us, and accept our imperfect service, not beholding our sin and unworthiness, but the perfect purity and merits of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

Amen.

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord, for Thine
unspeakable gift.

As you are leaving the church, endeavour to keep your mind fixed upon God's great love, and say within yourself,

Blessed be Thou, O Lord, for all the mercies Thou hast shewed unto Thy servant.

I will praise Thee in the midst of Thy church, yea I will give thanks unto Thee, and magnify Thy mercies.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, for all Thy goodness, and long-suffering in Christ.

Then depart home with a glad heart, and cheerful countenance, remembering in Whose House you have been, and in Whose Presence you ever are; and that He is

*to be served not with our lips only, but with our lives
and our whole heart.*

**The Sun of Righteousness
hath arisen with heal-
ing in His
wings.**





EVENSONG.

On entering the church, says,

THOU, O GOD, seest me.

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of hosts ; blessed are all they that dwell in Thy House, and worship Thee with a holy worship.

O hold Thou up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

Then, kneeling in your place, pray.

Let not my heart be inclined to any evil thing,
O Lord.

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear us, for we are poor and in misery ; give ear unto our prayers, and ponder the voice of our humble desires. Teach us Thy way, O Lord, and we will walk in Thy truth ; knit our hearts unto Thee, that we may fear

Thy name. Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation ; so will we rejoice before Thee, and praise Thy name, O GOD our Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord, Who as on this day didst create the light, and command it to shine upon the face of the deep ; grant that the bright beams of Thy presence, Who art the Light of lights, may shine upon us Thy people, and dispel the darkness of our understandings, and the black mists of our sins and errors ; so that we may put away the works of evil, and walking in the light of Thy truth, may be joined together in unity of spirit, and be made a holy temple, acceptable unto Thee, and at length attain to the light of everlasting life, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen*

O Thou that art the Light eternal, and the Sun of Righteousness, the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of His Person, who didst for us pass through the valley of the shadow of death, and take away the terror of its great darkness, quicken us, I beseech Thee, with Thy Holy Spirit, and renew our life ; and as Thou didst rise again from the dead for us, so grant that we, rising from dead works, may serve Thee, the living GOD, and be conformed to Thy likeness, so that when Thou shalt come again, amid the clouds of heaven, in Thy great and terrible Majesty, we may receive again our

bodies with rejoicing, and together with all those Thy saints who have gone before, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in Thy presence, O Lord, our King, and our God. *Amen.*

Meditations.

LET me not be faithless, but believing; yea, I do believe with my whole heart; Lord, help Thou mine unbelief.

I believe that Christ our Lord hath risen from the dead, and that I shall have life through His life. I shall take again this body, and in my flesh shall I see God.

Being conformed to His likeness, through grace, by His love, I shall share the glories of His kingdom in bliss, though by my doings, even the best of them, I have deserved His wrath, and eternal condemnation.

In my flesh shall I see God; O awful thought, if I reject His grace, or provoke Him to withdraw it. How shall the creature behold the Creator in all the terrors of His most righteous indignation?

Thou art my hope, O Christ, Thou art my strength; in Thee shall I resist sin, and triumph over death, and him who has the power of it. Then shall I be planted together with my Lord, not only

in the likeness of His death, but also in the likeness of His resurrection, and be restored to a new and better life.

This is a great mystery, but God has declared it; man cannot understand it, for the finite cannot know the counsel of the Infinite.

I know this to be true, for Faith assures me; and by Faith cometh Knowledge. Faith is the substance of hope, and through hope Love gathers strength and in love we obey. Hence we have all knowledge that is needful, for he that doeth God's will shall know of the doctrine. All men naturally desire to know, but what avails knowledge without the fear of God?

Whosoever would fully and feelingly understand the words of Christ must endeavour to conform his life wholly to the life of Christ.

Service being ended, kneel and say.

Glory be to Thee, O God.

Sanctify to me, I beseech Thee, all those means of grace, which by Thy bounty I have been this day partaker of; pardon my imperfections; have compassion on my infirmities, and pour out an abundant blessing on me, and all Thy people. Teach us to despise all vanity, to fight the battles of the Lord manfully against the world, the flesh, and the devil, so

that walking always as in Thy presence here, we may rejoice before Thee hereafter, when our eyes shall see the King in His beauty, and behold the land that is very far off, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord, Who ever sitteth at Thy right hand, to Whom be all glory, and honour, world without end. *Amen*

While leaving the church, say,

Praise the Lord, O my soul, for all the blessings of His House. Rejoice in the Lord JESUS, for of Him cometh my salvation. Glory be to Thee, O Holy Spirit, the Comforter of all weary souls. O God, most holy Trinity, I will love Thee, and praise Thy name for ever and ever.

I am
the Resurrection and
the Life.





Monday.

MATINS.

On entering the church.

BLESSED are they that dwell in Thy House, O Lord; they will be alway praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are Thy ways.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the hope of all the ends of the earth.

At your place.

O Holy Lord, Who for us men and for our salvation, didst leave the throne of Thy great glory, and take upon Thyself the form of a servant, let Thy merciful ears be open to the prayers of us Thy humble servants. Let us be lowly in Thy presence, subduing every proud and worldly thought, so that treading ever in the steps of Thy humility, and

having all our souls fixed upon Thee, we with all Thy Church throughout the world may offer acceptable service to Thee here, and share the glories of Thy kingdom hereafter. *Amen*

Holy and Immortal JESUS, I adore and worship Thee with the deepest humility of soul and body, and give Thee thanks for that great love to us, which Thou didst manifest in taking upon Thee our poor nature. I present unto Thee my body and soul, humbly desiring that as Thou didst clothe Thyself with a human body, Thou mayest invest me with the robes of righteousness, covering all my sins, enabling my weaknesses, and sustaining my mortality, till I, together with all who worship in the communion of Thy Church on earth, shall in conformity to Thy beauties and perfections be clothed with the state of glory, and serve, and honour Thee, world without end. *Amen*.

O GOD, Who art the Life wherein I live, the hope whereto I cling; keep Thou my soul, govern my mind, direct my intellect and raise my love; uplift my heart, and draw the spirit that thirsteth for Thee to the rivers that are above, that, deriving strength of grace from Thee, I, with all Thy people, may praise and glorify Thy Holy Name, walking ever by Thy help in the ways of Thy service, and our own salvation, through our only Mediator and Advocate,

JESUS CHRIST, who from the beginning was with Thee, and humbled Himself for our redemption, and ever liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Meditations.

O MYSTERY of love! GOD manifest in the flesh! the GOD of infinite glory, the Creator of the worlds, was pleased to stoop to the condition of His meanest servant, and all this for me, a rebel and without love.

He took my weakness, bore my sins, suffered my sorrows, wept my tears, was tempted even as I am tempted, yet without sin. O Lord, Thou art abundant in mercy and goodness, but to me belongeth shame and confusion of face.

Quicken me, O Lord, who am so dull, and dead-hearted, that I may know my vileness, and Thy great love.

Thou, O Lord, art my hope, Thou art my glory; Thou art the very joy of my heart. In Thee will I glory, and rejoice all the day; but as for myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

For true glory is for a man to glory in Thee, and not in himself, to rejoice in Thy name, not in his own strength.

He that attributes any good to himself hinders the coming of God's grace unto him, for the grace of the Holy Spirit ever seeketh a humble heart.

In proportion as a man descends lower into himself, and is meaner in his own sight, so much the higher he ascends unto God.

Thanks be unto Thee, from whom all proceedeth, whensoever it goes well with me.

But I am in Thy sight mere vanity and nothing, an unconstant and weak man.

If a man should give all his substance, yet it is nothing. And if he should practise great repentance, still it is little ; and if he should attain to all knowledge, he is still afar off, and if he should be of great virtue, and of very fervent devotion, yet there is much wanting ; especially one thing which is most necessary for him.

What is that ? That leaving all, he forsake himself, and go wholly from himself, and retain nothing out of self-love. And when he hath done all that is to be done, so far as he knoweth, let him think that he hath done nothing.

At close of service.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts ; shut not up Thy merciful ears to our prayers, but

hear us, and let our supplications come before Thee, that we may be delivered according to Thy word. O let our hearts be enlarged towards Thee, our God, waiting upon Thee, longing for Thee, and praying to Thee at all times. Let Thine hand help us, for we have chosen Thy commandments, and be Thou evermore the defence of Thy Church, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

On leaving the church.

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord ;
and in Thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee ; and
Thy judgments shall help me.

I will thank Thee, O Lord my God, with all my
heart ; and will praise Thy name for evermore.

He hath not despised, nor
abhorred, the low
estate of the
poor.





EVENSONG.

On entering the church.

God vieweth the power of the height of heaven ;
and all men are but earth and ashes.

The heavens declare His glory ; the firmament
sheweth His handywork.

The Lord only is righteous, therefore will I fear
before Him.

At your place.

O Eternal Wisdom, which proceedest from the
mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end of
creation unto the other, mightily and harmoniously
disposing all things, come Thou to teach us the way
of understanding.

O Thou, Who as on this day didst create the heavens by the word of Thy power, and yet from the throne of Thy great glory, beholding our want and misery, didst bow Thyself to dwell among us, fill us with the sense of Thy great goodness ; make Thyself present to our minds, and let Thy love and fear rule in our souls while we are before Thee in Thy house, and at all times ; so will we magnify Thee, and worship Thee, we will serve Thee, love and delight in Thee, and entirely devote ourselves to Thee O Lord, our strength, our helper, and defender, the horn also of our salvation, and our refuge.

Amen.

O Lord, I beseech Thee that Thou wouldest give to Thy servants the Bishops, and all the Clergy, especially those who minister in this place, the spirit of holiness and courage, of patience and humility, of prudence and diligence, to preach and declare Thy will by a holy life and wise discourses, that they may minister to the good of souls, and find a glorious reward in the day of the Lord JESUS ; and upon me, and all Thy Church bestow spiritual wisdom that we may discern what is pleasing to Thee, and follow what belongs to our peace ; and let the knowledge and love of GOD, and of JESUS CHRIST our Lord be our guide and our portion all our days, through the same our ever-blessed Saviour. *Amen*

Meditations.

WHAT have we done that we should receive so great goodness and mercy at the hands of God? Lord, what is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that Thou so regardest him?

Lord, I am nothing, and have nothing of myself: I am less than the least of all Thy mercies. The way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps; but if any man will trust in God, he shall be guided in the right way; for God hath promised, and His promise is sure. He is Truth, and will guide us into all truth; He is Truth, and He is Love; His Majesty is infinite, and His power beyond all things, but His love is greater still.

He made the heavens, and heaven of heavens, and even they are not clean in His sight, and yet He looked upon man in his sinfulness and great misery, and humbled Himself and took our nature to save us.

He humbled Himself, but shall return again to us in power and great glory, and all His holy angels with Him, and then shall our redemption draw nigh, and the days of our warfare shall be ended.

And we shall see His glory and rejoice therein, if we be faithful to the end. Being weak now, we shall be made strong in Him ; being cold now, and slow of heart, we shall be filled with love, through His love ; in His victory we shall triumph, and rejoice in the joy that He shall set before us.

For He has gone to prepare a place for us in the heavens, and He shall come again, and receive us unto Himself, that where He is we may be also.

There we shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on us, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed us, and shall lead us unto living fountains of waters ; and God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes.

So will we keep our souls in patience, looking for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

At close of service.

I give Thee thanks, O Lord, the Benefactor of our souls, that Thou hast this day of Thy great goodness permitted us to come into Thy presence, and to worship before Thee. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to confirm us in Thy fear, to preserve our lives, to secure our paths, and to guide our feet in the way of peace. Be propitious, I humbly beseech Thee, to the prayers and supplications of Thy humble servants ; and

grant that the remission of our sins being obtained, we may evermore rejoice in Thy heavenly benediction, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

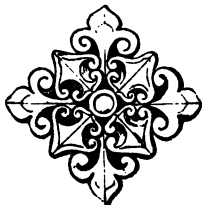
On leaving the church.

I will declare Thy Name unto my brethren, O Lord; in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.

Ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord; ye sons of God, glorify Him: and fear before Him, all ye sons of men.

Blessing and honour and praise be unto Thee, O God.

The Word
was made flesh, and dwelt
among us.





MATINS.

On entering the church

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about Him.

Honour and majesty are before Him : strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Let all the earth fear before Him, for He is the Judge of all.

At your place

Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. O Lord, Who knowest all the necessities and infirmities of Thy servants, let Thy Spirit help us to render unto Thee acceptable worship, taking from us all worldly thoughts, and fixing our affec-

tions on the things that are above, so that we may give Thee the worship of the heart, as well as of the lips, and be joined with the whole communion of saints in ascribing glory to Thee, O Lord, through JESUS CHRIST our Saviour. *Amen.*

O Almighty and eternal God, Father of our Lord JESUS, in whose hands the souls of all faithful people are laid up till the day of recompense, look upon us in mercy and pity; let us be constant in good works, shewing forth the fruits of a true and lively faith; let not our weaknesses make us to sin against Thee, nor our fear cause us to betray our duty, nor our former follies provoke Thy eternal anger, nor the calamities of this world vex us into tediousness of spirit and impatience; but let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this valley of misery with safety and peace, that when we have served Thee in our generations, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a sure faith, and the comforts of a reasonable hope, and perfect charity with Thee our God, and all the world; so that when all they who have been dead from the beginning shall stand with trembling before the tribunal of Thy blessed Son, waiting His just sentence, we may know Him to be indeed our Saviour, our Advocate, and our

most merciful Judge, through the same our Lord
JESUS CHRIST. Amen

Meditations.

I BELIEVE, O Lord, that Thou shalt come to judge the world; my flesh trembleth for fear of Thee, and I am afraid of Thy judgments. With what face shall I look for the appearance of the great God and our Saviour JESUS CHRIST?

How shall I avoid, and whither shall I flee from the face of my Judge? whither but from an offended God to a merciful Redeemer? from the throne of Thy justice to Thy mercy-seat?

Let me meet Thee now with repentance in my heart, and the fruits thereof brought forth in the actions of my life, and with such spiritual wings cemented with the blood of my Redeemer, I may hope to flee from the wrath to come.

Before judgment examine thyself, my soul, and in the day of visitation thou shalt find mercy. Judge thyself, and thou shalt not be judged.

Many will be my accusers when I come to my great trial upon life or death eternal; and many and great accusations have they to lay against me; the devil and his angels; men who have been con-

scious of my sins, and of whose sins I have been many ways guilty ; all the good creatures of God I have abused, and His mercies in them : all those evil deeds I have committed, and the many good deeds I have omitted ; and mine own conscience bearing witness to all.

But my trust is in the tender mercies of the Lord, therefore I shall not fall.

Holy JESUS, Who wast condemned being innocent, acquit me though greatly guilty, through faith in Thy blood.

Judge me, O Lord, according to Thy righteousness, for I have nothing else to plead ; and let not mine enemies triumph over me.

At close of service.

Blessed JESU, Who camest into the world to seek and to save that which was lost ; vouchsafe to seek and to save me, too often wandering like a lost sheep in the paths of vanity and iniquity. Bring me home into Thy fold, Who art the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, that being saved with the remnant of the true Israelites, I may sing Thy praises with the celestial choir of holy angels and saints for ever and ever. Amen

On leaving the church.

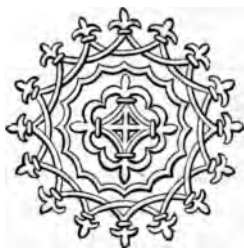
Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last; and be gracious unto Thy servants.

Behold

He cometh with clouds; and every
eye shall see Him.





Tuesday.

EVENSONG.

On entering the church.

BEHOLD the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them.

The Lord hath said, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh Me: and before all the people I will be glorified.

I will serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

At your place.

O Lord, I humbly beg Thy Holy Spirit to help my infirmities at this time, and to dispose my heart to devotion, that my prayers and praises may be acceptable in Thy sight; and I pray not for myself only, but for all Thy people, and those who are set over them, that by their guidance we may

so walk through the path of this world that we may be found prepared for Thy great day, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

O Thou, Who, as on this day, didst gather together the waters into one place, and command the dry land to appear, and Who shalt come again in judgment to dissolve the heavens and the earth, when the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth with the works that are therein shall be burned up; visit us now, I beseech Thee, with Thy great power, that being turned unto Thee in this the day of grace, we may be remembered with mercy by Thee in the time when we stand before Thy dread tribunal. Let the thought of that day be ever present with us, and the last trump be ever sounding in our ears, that we may neither speak, nor do, nor think any thing that may wound our own consciences, or provoke Thy anger, or make us tremble at Thy awful day, O mighty Judge, O merciful Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord JESU, thanks be unto Thee that Thou didst manifest Thyself to us Gentiles, opening to us the kingdom of grace, so that we might have a sure hope when Thou shalt come in Thy great glory. O rising brightness of the everlasting Light and Sun of Righteousness, come Thou and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. *Amen.*

Meditations.

TERRIBLE indeed is the judgment, and very fearful the account of it. There will be present GOD, the ever-blessed TRINITY ; and the trumpet of the angel shall summon all of us, declaring our deeds. The kingdom of heaven is before us, and the everlasting fire also is made ready. How then should we escape the fire ? how enter into the kingdom ?

Learn now the way.

Believe in the Lord JESUS, and thou shalt be saved ; and prove thy faith by works.

“ I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat ; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink ; I was a stranger, and ye took Me in ; naked, and ye clothed Me ; I was sick, and ye visited Me ; I was in prison, and ye came unto Me.”

These things if thou do, thou shalt reign together with Me ; but if thou do them not, thou shalt be condemned.

Every way of man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weigheth the spirits. Woe, woe, to the most holy and innocent life amongst men, if the mercy of GOD do not interpose in the day of judgment. O my soul, prepare thyself now ; now that thou hast time and leisure, prepare thyself for that

great day; for upon thy trial then, depends either thy everlasting well-being, or miserable undoing for ever.

Cast up thy accounts carefully; examine, try, and judge thyself; confess thy manifold sins; humble thyself greatly under the mighty hand of God.

The day of judgment is not only of all days the most dreadful, but the most joyful also.

Happy are those servants, whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find upon their watch, awaiting His coming, with their loins girt, their lusts restrained, and their lamps burning; the light of the true faith flaming by divine love, and shining through all the actions of their lives, that others seeing their good works, may glorify their Father which is in heaven.

How great then will be the glory of the holy Christian; how great the joy of the true believer.

What heart can worthily think of those things without trembling and great astonishment, if not purified and sincerely devoted to the service of God?

Teach me, O Lord, Thy way, and I will walk in Thy truth.

At close of service.

I praise Thee, O God.

Lord, pardon all my failings in Thy service this

day past, and look mercifully upon me, and all Thy people. Quicken our dead and cold faith with the sacred fire of holy charity, the very bond of perfection, and all virtue ; that we plenteously bringing forth the fruits of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded at the last day, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

On leaving the church.

Do well, O Lord, unto those that are good and true of heart.

So teach us to number our days ; that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong-hold ; my GOD, in Him will I trust.

With righteousness
shall He judge the world, and
the people with
equity.





Wednesday

MATINS.

On entering the church.

I WILL declare Thy Name, O Lord, unto my brethren : in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.

My praise is of Thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear Him.

The poor shall eat, and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise Him.

At your place.

Righteousness, O Lord, belongs unto Thee ; but
unto me confusion of face.

O Holy JESUS, Who didst receive Judas with the affection of a Saviour, and sufferedst him to kiss Thy cheek; and didst permit the soldiers to bind Thee, and didst cure the wound of Thine enemy; bind me, O Lord, with the chains of love, and grant that by the touch of Thy hand, and the breath of Thy mouth, I may have all my wounds cured, and be restored to the integrity of a holy penitent, and the purities of innocence; that I may love Thee, and please Thee; confess Thee with all boldness before men, and live with Thee for ever, O most Holy Saviour. *Amen.*

Remember, O Lord, I beseech Thee, Thy Church and all Thy people; especially our holy fathers, the Bishops, with all that are ordained to any holy function; more particularly those who minister in this place, that they may rightly divide the word of truth, and rightly walk in it. Remember also with Thy gracious favour, our brethren around us, who pray with us in this Thy house, at this hour, and throughout the world, that being faithful to Thee at all times, and in all temptations, we may never betray Thy cause, nor give occasion to the enemy to blaspheme. Gather together the scattered, restore the wanderers, and knit them to Thy Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, that rendering to Thee on earth a united, and acceptable worship, we

may rejoice evermore in Thy presence, through our only Saviour, Who, being betrayed on earth, was for us despised and set at nought, and triumphed over death, and rose again, and ascended into Heaven, where with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, He ever reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O gracious Saviour, Who didst continue fasting and praying forty days and forty nights together in the desert, and after divers temptations didst overcome Satan, grant that I may chastise my flesh, and exercise myself in fasting, watching, prayer, and other spiritual exercises, and subdue all evil affections which rebel against the spirit, and,

Be merciful to me.

Meditations.

BE grieved, my soul, at the recollection of all thy sins in general, and in particular bewail and lament thy daily transgressions. And confess unto God in the secret of thine heart all the miserable evils of thy disordered passions.

Lament thou and grieve, that thou art yet so car-

nal and worldly, so unmortified in thy passions, so full of the motions of concupiscence :

So unwatchful over thy outward senses, so often entangled with vain fancies :

So much inclined to outward things, so negligent in things inward and spiritual :

So prone to laughter and unbridled mirth, so indisposed to tears and compunction :

So prompt to ease and pleasures of the flesh, so dull to strictness of life and zeal :

So curious to hear news and to see beautiful sights, so slack to embrace what is humble and low :

So covetous of abundance, so niggardly in giving, so fast in keeping :

So inconsiderate in speech, so reluctant to keep silence :

So uncomposed in manners, so fretful in action :

So eager about food, so deaf to the food of God :

In such a hurry to rest, so slow to labour :

So wakeful after gossiping tales, so drowsy at the sacred services :

So hasty to arrive at the end thereof, so inclined to be wandering and inattentive :

So negligent in the prayers, so dry and heartless in receiving the Holy Eucharist :

So quickly distracted, so seldom wholly gathered into thyself :

So suddenly moved to anger, so apt to take displeasure against another :

So ready to judge, so severe to reprove :

So joyful in prosperity, so weak in adversity :

So often making good resolutions, and yet bringing them at last to so poor effect.

At close of service

I thank Thee, O Lord, Who hast permitted me this day to worship before Thee. Do Thou accept our prayers and praises, and that we may not cause Thee to hide Thy face from us, O teach us to despise all vanity, to fight the battles of the Lord manfully against the flesh, the world, and the devil, to spend our time religiously and usefully, to speak gracious words, to walk always as in Thy presence, to preserve our souls and bodies in holiness, fit for the habitation of the Holy Spirit of God, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

On leaving the church.

Praised be the Lord, for He hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.

The Lord is my strength and my shield ; my heart hath trusted in Him, and I am helped.

O save Thy people, and give Thy blessing upon Thine inheritance : feed them, and set them up for ever.

Watch,
and
Pray.





EVENSONG.

On entering the church.

ONE thing have I desired of the Lord which I will require : even that I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit His temple.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle ; yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

At your place

O Lord, help Thy servant.

Put far from us, O Lord, I beseech Thee, all worldly and unquiet thoughts, that we may serve Thee with stedfast hearts, and earnest devotion. Bless all who wait at Thine Altar, and grant that no power of evil may ever draw them from the truth ; so that being delivered from the temper of the false Apostle, Judas, they may escape the dreadful vengeance reserved for them by whom the Son of Man is betrayed, and inherit the crown of glory laid up for them who work faithfully in the Lord's vineyard, through JESUS CHRIST our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

I beseech Thee, O Lord, that Thou wouldst ever be mindful of the Holy Catholic Church, and by the increase of faith, hope, and charity, enlarge its limits. Be pleased to keep the souls of all Thy servants, and let grace and peace, charity and humility, flourish in our days. And grant that we may at all times offer to Thee the sacrifice of an acceptable worship, praying without ceasing for ourselves and our brethren in the faith, those who are in captivity, the infirm and sick, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow ; and do Thou in mercy look upon them, restore, redeem, heal, comfort, and relieve them, through our one Lord JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

Holy JESUS, who being fasting wast tempted

of the devil, and overcame him ; grant us, by the influences of Thy blessed Spirit, so devoutly to be occupied in the holy duties of fasting and prayer, that by the power of Thy victory over the devil, we may have strength and power to triumph over all our enemies, and to continue Thy faithful servants and soldiers unto our lives' end. *Amen.*

Meditations.

OH unspeakable love ! Oh mercy inconceivable ! Oh most amazing condescension ! that God, for the sake of man, should be made man ; that God, for man, should die in the flesh ; that He should submit to be tempted in all things like as we are.

See at how inestimable a price man was redeemed—who had enslaved himself to the devil ; and had he not been ransomed at so vast a price, must unavoidably have suffered eternal damnation.

Oh, man, how much art thou bound to love God ; and, if He calls thee to it, how patiently, how willingly, nay, how cheerfully, oughtest thou to endure hardship, torture, and pains, for Him Who hath endured so much greater for thee.

For "through much tribulation we must enter into the kingdom of God."

And therefore let my soul gladly embrace her crucified JESUS : let this moving theme be her constant meditation, that I may never, one moment, be unmindful of Him that died for me. I am determined, from henceforth, " not to know any thing save JESUS CHRIST and Him crucified," lest other vain notions should draw my knowledge from the firm bottom of saving faith.

And oh ! let this wonderful love of Thine take possession of all the love I am capable of.

For those hearts which Thy love has taken possession of, are all tranquillity and joy : there is no place for fear to discourage them, nor lust to defile, nor anger to distract, nor pride to swell, nor vain-glory to puff them up, nor ambition to gall them.

No disorderly vice disturbs their peace, nor corrupts their joy, but they continue firm and calm, like those upper regions where storms have no power.

At close of service.

I magnify Thy name, O Lord, for all Thy goodness.

O Thou great Searcher of all hearts, Who seest that I am of myself weak and mutable, and no better than a reed shaken with the wind ; shew Thy

strength in my weakness ; confirm me and all in this Thy house in Thy most holy faith ; succour and support us in all temptations, and grant that we may by Thy mercies, in the light of Thy countenance, and in the paths of Thy commandments, walk before Thee all the days of our lives, ever advancing the honour of our blessed Lord, and being filled with His Spirit, that we may at last partake of His glory, through the same JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

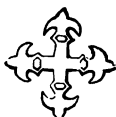
On leaving the church.

GOD hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, so great is His mercy also towards them that fear Him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath He set our sins from us.

¶ Pray,
that ye enter not into
temptation.





MATINS.

On entering the church.

THE Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou hast ascended up on high, and led captivity captive, and received gifts for men.

Unto Thee we lift up our eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

At your place.

O Thou Who hast ascended into heaven, and there makest intercession for us,

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

I beseech Thee, O GOD, for the stability of Thy holy Churches, and the union of them all; for this holy House, and those who enter it with faith and reverence; for our holy Fathers, the Bishops, the Presbytery, the Diaconate in Christ, and all, both Clergy and people, especially in this place: keep us, we beseech Thee, from falling; satisfy us with Thy mercy, and that soon; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives, through our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

O Thou, Who hast ascended into heaven for us, send down into our hearts thy Holy Spirit, I entreat Thee, to empty them of all vain, idle, wandering thoughts, and of all filthy, irrational, and exorbitant lusts. Take from us our hearts of stone, and give us hearts of flesh, soft and melting hearts, to fear Thee, love Thee, honour Thee, and so to follow Thee, that we may be for ever happy in the enjoyment of Thee. *Amen.*

Open Thou our eyes, O Lord, that we may see wondrous things in Thy law; take away the veil from our hearts that we may understand Thy Scriptures. Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach us Thy statutes. Word of the Father, give us Thy word; touch our hearts, open our lips, and fill them with

Thy praise; O Holy Father, O Son, the King of Glory, O comforting Spirit, hear us and save.
Amen.

O Blessed JESUS, Who hast ascended on high, and hast overcome sin, and death, and hell, and hast entered victorious into heaven, there to be adored by the angels, and to be glorified by all the blessed for all eternity; raise our hearts, I beseech Thee, above all that is sinful, above all worldly cares and sorrows, and fears, and joys, and vouchsafe to remember us who remain in this vale of tears, this day, and to give us Thy blessing, the blessing of faith and of patience, the blessing of a sincere and humble heart, the blessing of purity and charity, and the blessing of peace. *Amen*

Meditations

WHAT should I seek but those things above, where CHRIST is at the right hand of GOD?

O ye little vanities! how contemptible are all your pleasures! how low are all your dignities and honours! how base and vile the rest of your temptations, when I look up to heaven, where my Saviour sits in unparalleled glory and majesty!

Never speak to me any more ; never persuade me to follow worldly lusts.

I am dead to all these things, and my life is hid with CHRIST in GOD. When CHRIST, Who is my life shall appear, then shall I appear with Him in glory.

But is thy heart truly set on things above ? Search and try ; dost thou in good earnest travail with high and heavenly designs ? Art thou ambitious of nothing so much as to be like to JESUS ; and by self-denying ways to obtain His glory ?

Dost thou spare no pains to suppress thy too eager desires for things on earth ; to let out thy vain conceits ; to sharpen thine appetite after real righteousness : to inflame thy love, to heighten thy desire and hope, to strengthen thy faith, to excite thy watchfulness, and engage thy serious endeavours that thou mayest possess the things above ?

Is the wisdom from above the crown of thy glory ? humility thy honour ? to rejoice in God thy highest pleasure ?

Is thy heart carried aloft in holy prayers ? dost thou send up continually the sacrifice of praise, giving thanks to GOD for all His benefits ?

Dost thou dwell above in pious meditations of the glory wherein thy Saviour is enthroned ?

If so it be, then is the day-star risen in thy heart,

foretelling Thy approaching glory. Thou beholdest the morning of eternal joy, the dawning of the day of recompense.

At the close of service.

O GOD, great and wonderful, look upon me, Thy servant, who have here presented myself before Thee; stretch forth Thine hand, Thy powerful and merciful hand; bless me and confirm my faith, that it may be the parent of a good life, a strong shield to repel the fiery darts of the devil, and the author of a holy hope, of modest desires, of confidence in Thee, and of a never-failing love to Thee my GOD, and to all the world. Preserve me that at all times and in all places I may glorify Thee, the only living and true GOD, the holy, blessed, and glorious TRINITY, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now, henceforth, and for evermore. *Amen.*

On leaving the church.

O hold Thou up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

Hear my prayer, O GOD, and hide not Thyself from my petition. Let my prayer ascend into Thy presence, O GOD; and send forth Thy

mercy and truth, Thou Who art exalted above
the heavens, and Whose glory is above the
earth.

God
Which is very high exalted
doth defend
the earth.





Thursday.

EVENSONG.

On entering the church.

WE wait for Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.

O God, according to Thy Name, so is Thy praise unto the world's end; Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

God is our God for ever and ever; He shall be our guide unto death.

At your place.

**By the marvellous mystery of the Holy Body, and precious Blood, on the evening of this day,
Lord, have mercy.**

O Thou great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, holy and eternal JESUS, give unto Thy servants, the ministers of the mysteries of Christian religion, the spirit of prudence, and sanctity, faith, and charity, confidence and zeal, diligence, and watchfulness, that they may declare Thy will unto the people faithfully, and dispense Thy sacraments rightly, and intercede with Thee graciously and acceptably for Thy servants. Grant, O Lord, that by a holy life and a true belief, by well doing, and patient suffering when Thou shalt call them to it, they may glorify Thee the great lover of souls, and after a plentiful conversion of sinners from the error of their ways they may shine like the stars in glory. *Amen.*

O God, look graciously upon us Thy people, that we may hear Thy word reverently, and be doers of it, and ever exercising an earnest faith, and true repentance, may rightly discern the Body and Blood of our blessed Lord, and be made partakers of the benefits of His death, and ever be united with Him, Who is the Head of the one Body, the Church, through the same our Lord, JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

O Holy Trinity, the storehouse of blessings, vouchsafe to bless, confirm, and strengthen us, here present before Thee; deliver us from the day of condemnation, and let us not be confounded when

we shall appear before Thee, and in the presence of the holy Angels. *Amen.*

Meditations.

BLESSED is he that understands what it is to love JESUS, and contends earnestly to be like Him. Nothing else can satisfy, or make us perfect. But be thou a bearer of His Cross, as well as a lover of His Kingdom. Suffer tribulation for Him, or from Him, with the same spirit thou receivest consolation ; follow Him as well for the bitter cup of His Passion as for the loaves ; and remember if it be a hard saying, "Take up thy cross, and follow Me;" it is a harder saying, "Go, ye cursed, into everlasting fire." No man can always have the same spiritual pleasure in his prayers ; for the greatest saints have sometimes suffered the banishment of the heart, sometimes are fervent, sometimes they feel a barrenness of devotion : for this spirit comes and goes. Rest therefore only in GOD, and in doing thy duty ; and know, that if thou beest overjoyed to-day, this hour will pass away, and temptation and sadness will succeed.

In all afflictions, seek rather for patience than for comfort ; if thou preservest *that*, *this* will return.

Any man would serve God, if he felt pleasure in it always ; but the virtuous does it when his soul is full of heaviness, and regards not himself, but God, and hates that consolation that lessens his compunction, but loves any thing whereby he is made more humble.

That which thou dost not understand when thou readest, thou shalt understand in the day of thy visitation : for there are many secrets of religion which are not perceived till they be felt, and are not felt but in the day of a great calamity.

He that prays, despairs not. But sad is the condition of him that cannot pray. Happy are they that *can* and *do*, and *love to do* it.

Watch, and resist the devil in all his temptations and snares. His chief designs are these ; to hinder thy desire in good ; to put thee by from thy spiritual employment, from prayers especially, from the meditation of the Passion, from the remembrance of thy sins, from humble confession of them, from speedy repentance, from the custody of thy senses and of thy heart, from firm purposes of growing in grace, from reading good books, and frequent receiving the holy Sacrament. It is all one to him if he deceives thee by a lie or by truth ; whether he trouble thee by love of the present, or fear of the future. He is at peace who is re-

conciled to GOD ; and GOD loves him, when he hath overcome himself ; and all is well, when nothing pleases him but GOD, being thankful in the midst of his afflictions ; and he is holy, who, when he hath lost his comfort loses nothing of his duty, but is still the same, when GOD changes His face towards him.

At close of service.

O GOD, the Governor of souls, the Guide of the holy, and the Crown of the just : open our eyes to see Thee always, our ears always to hear Thee, and our hearts to receive Thee. Give us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us. Quicken us to do Thy will. In faith we call Thee Father, and pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Hallowed be Thy Name," in us and by us ; for Thou art most powerful, praiseworthy, and glorious : to Thee be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

On leaving the church.

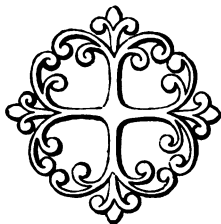
In GOD's word will I rejoice : in the Lord's word will I comfort me.

Yea, in GOD have I put my trust : I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Unto Thee, O GOD, will I pay my vows : unto Thee will I give thanks.

For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, and
my feet from falling : that I may walk before God
in the light of the living.

Whoso eateth
My flesh and drinketh My Blood,
hath eternal life.





Friday.

MATINS.

On entering the church.

O COME hither, and behold the works of GOD ;
how wonderful He is in His doing toward the chil-
dren of men.

He ruleth with His power for ever ; His eyes
behold the people : and such as will not believe
shall not be able to exalt themselves.

Praised be GOD Who hath not cast out my prayer :
nor turned His mercy from me.

At your place.

O GOD, my Saviour, have mercy on me.

O blessed Lord JESUS, by Thy most sacred suffer-

ings, by Thy bitter death, and most precious Blood shed for us, vouchsafe in great mercy to deliver me, with all here present. So dispose and order all our imaginations and actions, that they may be acceptable unto Thee; fill us with Thy grace, and with holy peace, and with all virtue; and grant that we may offer to Thee now, and at all times, a sincere and acceptable worship; and at the last be pleased to bring us to eternal life in Thy Kingdom, where Thou livest and reignest. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who didst give Thine only Son for the salvation of men, make me sensible of Thy great mercy; do Thou turn me all into love, and all my love into obedience, and let my obedience be without interruption. Make me to be something that Thou delightest in, and teach me by Thy Spirit to live wholly for my Saviour JESUS, and to be ready to die for Him, and to be conformable to His life and sufferings, and to be united to Him by an inseparable union, and to own no passions but what may be servants to Him. Let my sins be hidden in His wounds, and buried in His grave; and let me rise in the life of grace, and abide and grow in it, till I arrive in the kingdom of glory, through the same JESUS CHRIST, our Redeemer, the Holy One of GOD. *Amen.*

O save, holy JESUS, the Good Shepherd, Who

laid down His life for His sheep, save and preserve the righteous, call home the wicked, justify the penitent, have mercy upon all true believers, and upon me a miserable sinner. *Amen.*

Meditations.

REPENTANCE of all things in the world makes the greatest change: it changes things in heaven and earth; for it changes the whole man from sin to grace, from vicious habits to holy customs.

He that repents truly is greatly sorrowful for his past sins; not with a superficial sigh or tear, but a pungent afflictive sorrow; such a sorrow as hates the sin so much that the man would choose to die rather than act it any more.

The expression of this sorrow differs according to the temper of the body; and the repentance is to be estimated not by the tears, but by the grief, and the grief by the cordial hatred and forsaking of the sin, and a real resisting of temptations to it.

And consider how great a gift is the grace of repentance.

To admit mankind to repentance and pardon, was a favour greater than ever GOD gave to the angels and devils: for they were never admitted to the condition of second thoughts. CHRIST never groaned one groan for them; He never suffered one stripe, nor one affront, nor shed one drop of blood, to restore them to hopes of blessedness after their first failings.

But this He did for us: He paid the score of our sins only that we might be admitted to repent, and that this repentance might be effectual to the great purposes of felicity and salvation. Consider that as it cost CHRIST many millions of prayers and groans and sighs, so He is now at this instant, and hath been these eighteen hundred years, night and day incessantly praying for grace to us that we may repent, and for pardon when we do, and for degrees of pardon beyond the capacities of our infirmities, and the merit of our sorrows and amendment; and this prayer He will continue till His second coming, for "He ever liveth to make intercession for us."

And that we may know what it is in behalf of which He intercedes, St. Paul tells us his design; "we are ambassadors for CHRIST, as though He did beseech you by us; we pray you in CHRIST's stead to be reconciled to GOD."

And what CHRIST prays us to do, He prays GOD that we may do ; that which He desires of us, as His servants, He desires of GOD, Who is the fountain of the grace and powers unto us, and without Whose assistance we can do nothing.

At close of the service.

I beseech Thee, O King of Saints, by Him Who is the Chief of Saints, my blessed Redeemer, make me to run the way of Thy commandments, that I may be united unto Him, Who abhorred not to be clothed with my flesh. Behold, most merciful Creator, the humanity of Thy beloved Son, and have mercy upon the infirmity of Thy frail creature. Pardon me and all Thy people for all that is amiss in our worship, when we draw near to Thee ; forgive us our wanderings and distractions, and give us all those good things which we are unworthy to ask, for CHRIST's sake. *Amen.*

On leaving the church.

My help cometh of GOD, Who preserveth them that are true of heart.

I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to His righteousness : and I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is Thy
Name in all the world.

Behold
the Lamb of God,
which
taketh away
the sins of the world.





Friday.

EVENSONG.

On entering the church.

ONE day in Thy courts, O Lord, is better than thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

At your place

Almighty God, Who hast commanded us to pray unto Thee without ceasing, and hast added many

glorious promises for our encouragement, let Thy Holy Spirit teach us how to pray, and do Thou, O Lord, give us a present mind, great devotion, a heart fixed upon Thy divine perfections, and an actual intention and perseverance in our prayers that we may glorify Thy Name, do unto Thee true service, and obtain relief for our necessities of soul and body, through JESUS CHRIST, our blessed Lord. *Amen*

Holy JESUS, Who with all sweetness of patience and submission, didst give up Thyself wholly to the will of Thy Heavenly Father, endue me, and all here present with the same spirit of lowliness and meekness, patience and contentedness in all conditions, submitting to the good will of our God, both in prosperity and in adversity, health and sickness, life and death. *Amen.*

Blessed JESUS, Who with an invincible patience wentest forth bearing Thy Cross, till it sunk Thy tender Body to the earth ; O let me not sink under Thy Cross, nor shrink from it, but cheerfully take up my cross, whatever it be, and carefully undergo all the sacred acts and offices of true repentance, which is the cross of sinners, and follow Thee, my dearest Saviour, Who didst “suffer for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow Thy steps.”
Amen.

O GOD, the King of all, give me, I beseech Thee, true compunction, the remission of my sins, and the amendment of my life, who am deeply immersed in bodily affections, estranged from Thee, and without hopes but in Thy great goodness, and saving mercies, omnipotent JESUS, Saviour and Redeemer.

Amen.

Meditations.

“Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow, which is done unto Me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted Me in the day of His fierce anger.”

“O that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears,” that I might weep day and night for the sufferings of my Saviour. Shall I not weep for Him Who both wept and bled for me, yea, wept out every drop of His most precious Blood, to deliver me from weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth for ever?

Unto many this seemeth a hard speech, “Deny thyself, take up thy cross, and follow JESUS.” But much harder will it be to hear that last word, “Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire.”

For they who now willingly hear and follow the word of the Cross, shall not then fear to hear the sentence of eternal damnation.

This sign of the Cross shall be in the heaven, when the Lord shall come to judgment.

Then all the servants of the Cross, who in their life-time conformed themselves unto CHRIST crucified, shall draw near unto CHRIST the Judge with great confidence.

There is no salvation of the soul, nor hope of everlasting life, but in the Cross. Take up therefore thy Cross, and follow JESUS, and thou shalt go into life everlasting. He went before, bearing His Cross, and died for thee on the Cross; that thou mayest also bear thy cross, and desire to die on the Cross with Him.

For if thou be dead with Him, thou shalt also live with Him. And if thou be His companion in punishment, thou shalt be partaker with Him also in glory.

Set thyself, like a good and faithful servant of CHRIST, to bear manfully the cross of thy Lord, Who out of love was crucified for thee.

Drink of the Lord's cup with hearty affection, if thou desire to be His friend, and to have part with Him.

As for comforts, leave them to God ; let Him do therein as shall best please Him.

Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God.

At close of service.

O Thou, Who didst create man in the beginning, and when he had grievously fallen from Thee, didst restore him again in CHRIST, and taking upon Thee our nature didst therein suffer death, that we might live,

I magnify Thy Name, for this Thy mercy.

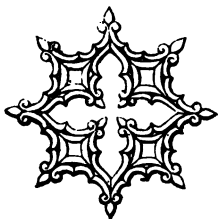
I thank Thee, O GOD, for Thy holy Church, and that I have been born in the communion of it, and am enabled by Thy goodness to join the congregation of the faithful in praising Thee, and praying to Thee. Let Thy blessing be upon all the members of Thy Body, especially upon all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, upon all who minister, and all who are ministered unto, and upon me, thy most unworthy servant, that I may love Thee for all Thy goodness, and praise Thee evermore, through JESUS CHRIST, my Saviour. *Amen.*

On leaving the church.

The Lord is my light, and my salvation ; whom then shall I fear ? the Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom then shall I be afraid ?

The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him :
and upon them that put their trust in His mercy ;
To deliver their soul from death ; and to feed them
in the time of dearth.

He
hath borne our griefs,
and carried our
sorrows.





Saturday.

MATINS.

On entering the church.

HEARKEN Thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God ; for unto Thee will I make my prayer.

I will come into Thine House, even upon the multitude of Thy mercy, and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

At your place.

O GOD, I humbly beseech Thee to prepare my soul to worship Thee this day acceptably, with reverence, and godly fear : fill me, and all who assemble here, with that faith which works by love, and

purify our hearts from all vain, worldly, and sinful thoughts, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, be gracious unto us, who have waited for Thee : be Thou our salvation in the time of trouble. Blessed be Thy Name for all Thy mercies, but especially for the hope of rest Thou hast given to us, miserable and unworthy. Blessed art Thou, our God and Saviour, Who wast content to lie this day in the bowels of the earth, and be like to them that are slain, who sleep in the grave, and pass out of remembrance. Blessed be Thy Name for all who rest in Thee. *Amen*

O Holy Lord JESUS, with Whom we have been buried in the life-giving waters of Baptism, the laver of our new birth, by the merits and mysteries of Thy Baptism in the river Jordan, wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sins, whereby I have unhallowed those sacred and saving waters of my Baptism, and too often broken my vow and promise made therein. *Amen.*

Bless, O Lord, Thy Holy Catholic Church, the whole communion of saints, those who minister therein, and those who wait on their ministry ; grant unto us all to have faith in the Lord JESUS, a daily meditation of death, a contempt of the world ; a longing desire after heaven ; patience in our sorrows ; comfort in our sickness ; joy in God ; a holy

life and a blessed death ; that our souls may rest in hope, and our bodies rise in glory, and both may be beatified in the communion of saints, in the kingdom of God, and the glories of the Lord JESUS, in Whose Name we ask all, O merciful Father. *Amen.*

Meditations.

IN this life our condition is changeable from better to worse, and from worse to better : but in death all hopes of bettering our condition are buried with the lifeless corpse.

“ Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.”

It is in the day of this life I am commanded to “ work out my salvation with fear and trembling.” When the night of death cometh, no man can then work ; “ there is neither work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave where thou goest.”

And it is wisely therefore advised in the following words ; “ Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might :” be vigorous, be active, be zealous, “ be fruitful in every good work.” The soul that is laden with the fruits of well-doing, shall

cheerfully in the approach of death commit herself unto God, as to a faithful Creator.

Let us then be constant in devout and humble, frequent and fervent prayers unto God, and praises of Him; fastings, and charitable alms-deeds, withal trusting wholly and entirely to the sole merits of CHRIST our Saviour.

Let us never defer our repentance; it is the thought of a longer, and still of a longer life that is the great impediment of repentance, and amendment of life.

Happy is the man who on his bed of death can say with the Apostle, "I have fought a good fight," against all the assaults of the devil, the world, and the flesh, which war against the soul; "I have finished my course;" as the course of my life, so the course of godliness in all its respective duties enjoined me. "I have kept the faith," untainted by any atheistical imaginations, heretical opinions, or sinful practices; I have loved CHRIST, and obeyed His commandments, through His grace helping me.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they rest from their labours, and their works follow them."

At close of service.

O Heavenly King, confirm our faith; give peace

to the world ; guard well Thy Holy House, and receive us in orthodox faith and repentance, as a kind and loving Lord. The power of the Father guide us, the wisdom of the Son enlighten us, the working of the Spirit quicken us. Guard Thou our souls, stablish our bodies, elevate our senses, direct our converse, bless our actions, fulfil our prayers, inspire holy thoughts, pardon the past, correct the present, and prevent the future, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake, our ever-blessed Lord. *Amen.*

On leaving the church.

We will fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy Name ; for Thou only art holy ; and all the nations shall worship before Thee. Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great ; let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him.

The day of the Lord cometh, and there shall be no more death ; neither crying, nor pain any more, for the former things are passed away.

☉ Death,
where is thy sting ?





Saturday.

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EVENSONG.
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On entering the church.

THOU, O Lord, of Thy goodness hast prepared for the poor.

Praised be the Lord daily ; even the God who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

O God, wonderful art Thou in Thy holy places ; even the God of Israel ; He will give strength and power unto His people ; blessed be God.

At your place

O Lord, dispose my heart to devotion, and give me grace to receive Thy word into an honest and good heart, and to bring forth fruit with patience.

Pour down Thy Spirit upon those whom Thou hast set over us in the Church, and bless the whole communion of saints, for CHRIST's sake. *Amen.*

Hear, O Lord, the voice of my prayer, when I cry unto Thee in the midst of Thy temple. Remember our brethren that are around us, and praying with us at this holy hour ; and together with us be mindful, I beseech Thee, of all who on reasonable causes are absent ; and move the hearts of all who love not Thy House, that they may turn ere it be too late, and seek Thy face. Open to us all the gates of righteousness, that we may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord. *Amen.*

O merciful God, Father of our Lord JESUS, Who is the first-fruits of the resurrection, and by entering into glory hath opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers ; we humbly beseech Thee to raise us up from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that being partakers of the death of Christ, and followers of His holy life, we may be partakers of His spirit, and of His promises, that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in His arms, and lie in His bosom. And I humbly beseech Thee to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and fill up the mansions in heaven which are prepared for all them that love the coming of the Lord JESUS, that we, with all others departed this life in the obedience

and faith of the Lord Jesus, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in Thy eternal glory, which never shall have ending. Grant this for JESUS CHRIST His sake, our Lord and only Saviour.
Amen.

Meditations.

HERE, O Lord, at Thy tomb, we may learn the nature of sin ; here we may weigh the world, and see what it comes to ; in the stillness of this scene we hear that noise and feverish excitement of life, which we hear not in the midst of it,—that bustle and stir of earthly things, wherein that day will take the world unawares.

Here, buried with Thee, may we shut out its temptations. Here is Thy sacred Body, stiff and cold. This may teach us to die to the world ; this may cool in us that flesh which hath been too often inflamed by luxury or passion.

Here we may learn shame for our uncharitable words, and thoughts, and deeds, from the love which flowed from Thy bleeding wounds. Here may we learn the nature of ambition from Thy prostrate, and dishonoured, and lifeless form.

Here may we learn godly fear, for if the all-merciful Father spared not Thee, His only Son, when Thou stoodest in the place of sinners, how shall we escape, if we forget Thee ?

Here may we learn godly love, for if God spared not His own Son for our sakes, there is nothing He will withhold from us if we love Thee.

Here wouldest Thou gather us under Thy sheltering wings until the enemy hath gone by : here the true Israelite is commanded to abide in stillness with the sacrifice that is slain.

This is that Rock into which Thou hast invited us to flee until the tyranny be overpast. Nay, Thou art Thyself that rock ; and the cleft of that rock into which Thou hast bid us flee, and concealed us by Thy hand, is Thy own bleeding side : for Thou art Thyself " a place to hide me in," a place to hide me, where I may be hid from mine own self, from mine own purposes, and wishes, and hopes, which have so grievously led me astray.

Oh ! what place is dark enough for the sinner to hide himself in ? what grave is deep enough for him to bury his schemes of selfishness and pride, his thoughts of self-indulgence and ease, his quarrels and disputes ? when all these his sins have brought Thee to this, and Thou art cold and lifeless in the tomb, that we may endure no penalty here for our

deserts, but Thou wilt also endure the same with us, and for us ; surpassing our misery by Thy love, and our guilt by Thy holiness*.

At close of service.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts : shut not up Thy merciful ears to our prayers, but spare us. In our last hour let not our faith fail, or our hope wither, or our charity wax cold with the waning flesh ; but when our eyes are darkness, and our tongues falter, then let our hearts be enlarged towards our GOD, waiting upon Thee, longing for Thee, and incessantly praying, Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.

On leaving the church.

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. The glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon us : prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us : O prosper Thou our handy-work. So will we magnify the Lord our God, and fall down before His footstool, for He is holy.

Ⓞ Grave,
where is thy victory ?

* Williams on the Passion.

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